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# VENOM WAR

# VENOMOUS

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IN MEMORIAM

# DON PERLIN
## 1929 - 2024

Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.

GOING ONCE...

...TWICE?

SOLD!

KLAK

464

THIRTY MILLION WELL SPENT.

NOW, LOT NUMBER 52.

FOR THIS, I INTRODUCE OUR COLLEAGUE, DR. FREKK.

THANK YOU.

MANY OF YOU TRAVELED ***FAR*** FOR THIS EVENT, SO I WON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.

WHAT IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST THREAT TO THE CONTROL OF YOUR SECTOR OF THE WORLD?

I'LL ANSWER FOR YOU. IT'S ***SYMBIOTES.***

THE OVERABUNDANCE OF KLYNTARS MAKES IT FEEL LIKE EVERY HERO OR VILLAIN HAS A NEW SYMBIOTE SUIT.

ALL THAT ALIEN GOO ***CANNOT*** BE GOOD FOR BUSINESS...

...UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE A ***FAIL-SAFE.***

K42T

THIS VIAL IS YOUR ***SILVER BULLET*** TO THE SYMBIOTE MESS.

K42T IS A ***SPECIFIC*** FORMULA CREATED TO CONTROL AND NEUTRALIZE A SYMBIOTE THREAT.

IN ORDER TO SHOW YOU THE EFFICACY OF K42T, WE MUST FIRST ***CREATE*** A SYMBIOTE.

OBSERVE AS WE INJECT THIS PATIENT WITH A SAMPLE OF SYMBIOTE TISSUE THAT I ***LIBERATED*** FROM MY TENURE AT ALCHEMAX.

WH-WHERE AM I?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THERE, THERE.

IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON.

NOW, NATASHA?

NOT YET, SLIVER.

NO, NO, NO!

SKRIP

HURKNL

PLEASE, EVERYONE, REMAIN CALM.

THIS IS ***EXACTLY*** THE SITUATION THE K42T WAS CREATED FOR.

ONCE ITS EFFICACY IS DISPLAYED, WE CAN START THE BIDDING AT--

GRANNRWL!

MY GOD, HE'LL KILL US ***ALL!***

NOW?!

NOW.

AHHH!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, DR. FREKK.

HUWRAL!

THANK YOU--WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*

STAY HERE...

WE'LL CLEAN UP YOUR MESS.

YOU HAVE *A LOT* TO ANSWER FOR.

# VENOM WAR

## VENOMOUS #1

**NATASHA ROMANOFF** is the **BLACK WIDOW**--a former Red Room-trained Russian spy who defected to the U.S., where her deadly skills were put to use as an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. and a member of the Avengers. Recently, Nat even bonded to a young symbiote named **SLIVER**. After the two were repulsed from a clandestine Alchemax facility due to the symbiote's inexperience, Nat ran them through her own version of the Red Room training regimen, and the two emerged as an even deadlier duo than before.

**EDDIE BROCK**, the original **VENOM**, and his son, **DYLAN BROCK**, the new Venom, have gone to war over who should bond to the alien, each terrified of an apocalyptic future should the other become Venom again.

The time will come for Black Widow to choose a side. But first, Nat and Sliver are on the trail of a weapon that could threaten the entire symbiote race--and tip the scales in the **VENOM WAR**!

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SLIVER

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THWIP

LEAVE THEM ALONE!

FIGHT US!

HURGH!

SLIVER HAS REALLY COME INTO THEIR OWN.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT THEIR HELP.

I HOPE **HAWKEYE** DOESN'T GET JEALOUS.

SLAY

SLIVER, CAN YOU SPEAK WITH THIS SYMBIOTE?

WE CANNOT.

IT HAS NO SENTIENCE.

GREAT...

WAIT! I CAN HELP YOU.

NO, HE WILL KILL IT, NATASHA.

WE MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE.

LET'S SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY--

WHOA!

WE HAVE AN IDEA!

I'M--GNNF-- LISTENING...

TKTKTKTK

GKK!

GOOD WORK!

FREKK, GIVE ME THE VIAL.

YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME YOU'LL--

PWT

BZZT

GAH!

GOTCHA!

SLIVER! GET CLEAR!

WE HAVE YOU, NATASHA.

KRSH

LET'S HOPE THAT DID THE TRICK.

ARRGHH!

HE IS STILL ALIVE.

BUT HE NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION.

YOU!

...WHERE'S THE *REST* OF THAT SYMBIOTE KILLER?

I--I ONLY MADE ENOUGH FOR THE AUCTION.

SHOW ME THE FORMULA.

HERE... IT'S ALL IN HERE...

ALONG WITH OTHER--

THE SAMPLE FROM ALCHEMAX WAS WEAK AND NOT INTEGRATED TO A HOST LIKE *YOURS* IS.

AFTER OUR TRIP OUT TO JERSEY,* WE THOUGHT WE WERE DONE HUNTING DOWN ROGUE SCIENTISTS LIKE YOU.

*BLACK WIDOW: VENOMOUS #1!

BUT SOME PEOPLE NEVER LEARN.

MUNCH MUNCH

NO! THAT'S MY LIFE'S WORK!

SLIVER, JUST TAKE WHAT YOU NEED FROM HIM.

-CHOKE-

BUT LEAVE HIM WITH HIS GUILT.

HOW MUCH OF HIS MEMORY DID YOU LEAVE HIM WITH?

HE WILL LIVE...

...BUT NOT WELL."

WEEOOO

WEEOOO

POLICE

ALCHEMAX. MANHATTAN.

NATASHA!

THERE IS ANOTHER SYMBIOTE NEARBY.

DO YOU KNOW THEM? ARE THEY PART OF YOUR HIVE?

THEY ARE UNFAMILIAR TO US.

FLASH?!

FLASH THOMPSON?

IT'S BEEN *A WHILE,* NATASHA.*

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE?

*SEE SECRET AVENGERS (2012).

FOLLOWING UP ON A LEAD ON *CARNAGE.*

HE'S BACK, AND IT'S BAD. I NEED HELP FROM AN OLD FRIEND... *LIZ ALLAN*. SHE RUNS--

I KNOW WHO SHE IS.

WHY ARE *YOU* HERE?

YOUR "OLD FRIEND" HAS HIRED SOME SHADY CHARACTERS.

SLIVER AND I JUST FOUND ONE AT A BLACK-MARKET AUCTION SELLING ALCHEMAX TRADE SECRETS.

LIZ HAS WORKED HARD TO GET ALCHEMAX BACK ON TRACK.

AND WHO'S "SLIVER"?

WHOUP WHOUP WHOUP

SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE.

WE ARE SLIVER, FLASH THOMPSON.

WITH NATASHA, WE ARE WIDOW.

THAT'S NOT CONFUSING AT ALL.

NICE TO MEET YOU, SLIVER.

NOW LET'S GO!

THIS SHAFT SHOULD TAKE US STRAIGHT DOWN TO THE SUBLEVELS.

RUNCH

WE BETTER BE CAREFUL...

"...THAT'S WHERE THEY KEEP THE *REAL NASTY STUFF.*"

NO!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

SLIVER, CAN YOU TALK TO THESE SYMBIOTES?

NO. THEY ARE LIKE THE ONE AT THE AUCTION...

KRUNCH

GRAWR!

...MINDLESS.

HEY, BIG GUY...

SMAP

TIME TO MEET A BIGGER GUY!

KWAK

CADAVER STORAGE

THAT'S COLD STORAGE. IF WE CAN LURE THEM IN THERE, MAYBE WE CAN SLOW THEM DOWN.

SLIVER, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO EXTREME TEMPERATURES. IT COULD WORK.

THUP

HERE'S FOR A STRIKE!

KRASH

GROSS!

THWIP

NO GOOD DEED...

SORRY, MAN, I--

JUST GET OUT OF HERE!

TIME TO CORRAL THE STRAGGLERS.

PWT

CADAVER STORAGE

C'MON, EVERYONE... FOLLOW ME.

WHOA!

YOU OKAY?

I DON'T THINK THE COLD WORKED.

URGLGHH!

"WE'VE GIVEN THEM MORE *BODIES* TO POSSESS!"

TO BE CONTINUED...

# VENOM WAR

## THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR #1

VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES #1

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I MEAN, YOUR *LETTERS!* SEND YOUR NOTES TO
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# VENOM WAR

VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS #2